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RICHARD B. MAURY

Lacking but one lustrum of being ninety years of age, Dr. Richard B. Maury passed quietly from the pulsing instant into the calm of the pulseless ultimate, mourned by a very large percentage of the people of Memphis who had the good fortune to know him, each of whom feels a sense of personal loss in his demise.

He was an exceptional man—one of those who make us feel proud of humanity—one of those who build and strengthen and elevate communities, and bring into play forces that make for good.

He came here as a young man, after having been thoroughly equipped for the practice of his profession, and soon took his place in the front rank of the leading physicians of the city and country. Memphis has always boasted men of great eminence in the medical profession.

His practice grew apace, and soon became very large, including many who came to him from long distances to receive treatment at his hands.

His chosen profession is a jealous mistress, and demands the individual devotion of those who would follow it to success. But Dr. Maury found time to devote to civic affairs, and the upbuilding and betterment of his chosen home. Cultural education had no wiser or better or more earnest friend than he, and his activities extended to every movement that was inaugurated for the advancement and progress of the city. And every public movement that he participated in was taken seriously, and looked upon with respect by the people of Memphis, and nothing that he had a hand in was considered negligible or frivolous.

Such a man eludes both synthesis and analysis, but perhaps of his many gifts his greatest assets were character and personality. Personality is the unseeable, subtle and communicable force that radiates from character, and character cannot be acquired from the books or the schools; it is a direct and an original gift of God. Although his years extended far beyond the allotted period, he was never old. His heart was young and his spirit buoyant, and he took as keen an interest in public affairs as any young man. Removed far from fanaticism and extremism, he was always the uncompromising foe of wrong and evil, and while charitable toward the latitudinarianism and weaknesses of human nature, he never temporized with those things that were better done away with.

Throughout a long and an active life he served his fellow man, and his simple presence had a potential power that was recognized and felt. He labored assiduously and unremittently in the Master's vineyard, and when the call came he was ready to promptly respond.

Memphis is much the poorer because of his death, but she is much the richer because of his having lived. His was a life that:

Rolls on like rivers that water the woodland.
Darkened by shadows of earth,
But reflecting the image of heaven.
The love, admiration and respect of thousands
Will rise like incense and accompany
His soul to the throne of grace.

THE IRREPARABLE LOSS

Great, numerous and varied losses were brought about by the war, and it will take the world a long time to get over it and to reimburse itself.

There is one loss that is irreparable. That is the loss of human life. The dead can never be brought back, unless those who believe in metempsychosis will have them, again in English sparrows, grasshoppers or other corporeal bodies.

Millions of lives have been wasted, and nothing remains save the little white cross on some battle-swept area of France. And these broad fields of little white crosses, each an algebraic plus sign, meaning that one more has been added to the great majority who have gone before, what a pathetic picture they present! Should Christ pass there his heart would again be wrung. He would feel the cruel nails in his hands and the spear thrust in his side, and all the agonies of his passion and crucifixion would be suffered again. He died to teach the doctrine of love, that men might live, and here we are practicing the doctrine of hate and killing each other. Did he die in vain?

Millions of lives wasted. As many millions as there were people on earth at the time of Christ. And these are not all that have been deprived of life. English statisticians aver the birth rate of the empire has been reduced 7,000 a day during the last three years of the war, or, as they express it, seven thousand cradles have been robbed of their tenants daily. This is over two and a half millions a year, or nearly 8,000,000 to be added to the slain. What a stupendous loss! These souls that should be developing and ripening are permanently debarré from entering upon life. Great souls, many of them, potentially, or possibly, at least. The punishment of the kaiser will not compensate this. Not if every molecule in his body were converted into a man and every man made to suffer torture and death. More than one man must expiate this crime. Whole nations must suffer, and perhaps humanity at large may be made to right the wrong.

When the cannons are roaring and the shells are shrieking is a glorious time for the soul to leave the body and fly away to join the immortal heroes who have been waiting to welcome it, but to the bereaved mothers and fathers the little white cross is a veritable cross of Calvary.

DEFECT IN OUR SYSTEM

If a referendum, such as has been in force in national politics in England for nearly 200 years, were possible in this country, the league of nations proposed by President Wilson would be indorsed. Republican congressional victories this past November do not indicate that the nation has repudiated its war policies, or that the people are willing to see the president discredited in the eyes of the world simply because an opposition party has secured control of the congress. If the league proposition were submitted to a popular vote the line of partisan demarcation would be difficult to trace in the returns.

The criminal obstructionists in the senate should learn to sing that song, the refrain of which is, "I'm afraid to go home in the dark," as expressive of their feelings.

Gen. von Arnim would not allow the peasants to pick up some firewood on his estate, so they beat his brains out with it, and in this way warmed themselves.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1920

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A BAS CAMOUFLAGE.

Now the ladies in New Jersey.
They are not allowed to paint.
To make their normal faces
Appear like what they ain't.

Speak not of rouge and powder,
Nor even of lip sticks. Hush!
The lady cop is waiting
With her good scrubbing brush.

No more will agile stiffs
Look like mere twenty-fives.
Face renovating legions
Are very much alive.

The men folks in New Jersey
Should like it, we'll allow.
For they can tell their sisters
From their grandmothers now.

The French Academy of Sciences has asked the peace conference to divide the year into 13 months of 28 days each.

What this we must respond with a heartfelt protest. So far as we are concerned, the first of the month comes often enough now. Let them reduce it to six months in a year if they want the support of many millions of tenants in this country, as well as those who receive grocery and meat bills.

What's the idea of this peace conference, anyhow? Thought its prime motive was to make people happier. More light!

The German republic plans to have its president serve 10 years. The German republic evidently needs some good advice.

FARMER CHAINED TO HIS ROLL.

This plot trickled from Minnesota news:

Farmer Johnson came to Minneapolis with a roll of \$125 in bills as bait and landed four pickpockets with it.

The first two got a flash at Johnson's roll as he walked down the street, the end of the full-grown roll protruding from his vest pocket. They went for the bait—hook, line and all—but pulled up with a sudden jerk.

One end of a well-forged chain was fastened to the roll of \$125, the other end fastened to Johnson. Johnson turned the roll over to the police.

The following night two more city sharks reached for the roll, and a few minutes later were occupying cells.

Some of the peace commissioners threaten to pack up their doll rags and leave Paris. Sherman used all the available language when he described war.

The oolong hounds are in a state of fluttering excitement, for the teamsters are being raided. My word! As the dear old lady said, "To what are we coming to?"

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's Article

By MRS. WILSON WOODROW.
The world-famous writer on vital subjects.

"I know that I can write, and I am really going to give my attention to it. Of course, I shall only publish in the larger and more important magazines."

The woman with whom I was taking luncheon, and who, like most women writing her trade, looked at me and laughed as this remark floated to us from an adjoining table.

"Can you beat it?" she said, and I fervently assured her that I could not. And this led to various quotations on the part of each of us.

Women, especially the entirely untrained, only have the idea that they can gather the plums without climbing the tree to do so. They vaguely feel that fruit and delectable morsels hang from the tree, and the moment they stand under it, will incline its branches loaded with the most tempting and delectable morsels to drop into their outstretched hands.

"The lady at the next table presently arose and, drawing her expensive fur about her, walked out."

"Maybe she really can write," I said, "but she has no idea that there is such a thing as craftsmanship, and it is acquired by laborious effort. Suppose she came to you and you saw that she really had some ability. What advice would you give her?"

My companion shook her head. "No use in giving her advice, as long as she holds to her present ideas. What she needs is discipline."

"I knew a woman like her," she went on, "entirely untrained and utterly inexperienced; only she had to do something to earn her living. She was one of the saddest figures I have ever known in middle life who, under the guise of a magazine editor, and unexpectedly left without an income and thrown upon her own resources."

"This woman thought she wanted to write, but her articles all came back. There was not enough in them to give her attention. Finally she obtained a position with a magazine, and there she had first of all to learn the routine of the office. And I assure you it was hard work. She had to learn to make her own copy, and she had to learn to make her own copy, and she had to learn to make her own copy."

"And then one day an article came from the magazine, and she was told to send it to the editor. She was told to send it to the editor, and she was told to send it to the editor."

"The subject caught her attention, and she followed it up. Outside of her own work, she took every opportunity to study and find out all she could about it. She was very personal in her inquiries, and she was very personal in her inquiries."

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"She succeeded in meeting him after conference, and she realized her genuine interest in the subject and saw that she had given it all her time and study. The result was that she offered her a position which she accepted. She has introduced."

ARKANSAS W. O. W. ARE AT PINE BLUFF IN MEETING

PINE BLUFF, Ark., March 20. (Sp.)—The state convention of the Woodmen of the World, which opened this morning at the Tabernacle with P. J. McLaughlin presiding. Nearly all the 3,000 delegates, and the rest are coming in on every train.

Exalted Commander W. A. Fraser, of Omaha, Neb., and Miss Dora Alexander, supreme ruler, and Mrs. Effie Trainers, supreme manager of the Woodmen circle, all of Omaha, are here and will remain throughout the entire convention.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS TO BE FINANCED

JACKSON, Miss., March 20. (Sp.)—Plans for financing the work of the state highway department, which has practically exhausted its legislative appropriation, are being discussed by the commission at a meeting here today.

Gov. Theo. G. Bilbo and State Highway Engineer X. A. Kramer will speak at a public hearing on the highway bill at the auditorium here at 8 o'clock Saturday night. The bill provides for the construction of a highway system throughout the state.

NEGRO ESCAPES POLICE.

Within sight of the Central police station a negro bootlegger, whose name is not known by the police, made a flying leap from a police car early Wednesday night at Second street and fled. He was followed by a detective, who kept moving and was soon out of sight.

The negro had been seen at Second street and Calhoun avenue by Detective Peters, Dickson and Micallef, who were on duty at the time. The negro was a submissive prisoner until the police car neared the shadows of the police station.

CLUBMAN GETS YEAR IN JAIL FOR MAKING LIQUOR

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 20.—Kello Haley, society leader and frequent visitor at the Casino, was sentenced to a year in the county workhouse and fined \$250 by the verdict of a criminal jury in business circles, received a verdict of guilty for the manufacture of a fashionable apartment house. The jury was unable to agree until 11 o'clock today.

They reported three times to the court yesterday afternoon that they were hopelessly hung. Haley was released on \$1,500 bond pending motion for a new trial.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

JONESBORO, Ark., March 20. (Sp.)—F. Letner and Ira Russell are in jail here charged with robbing the Price depot at Nettleton of a large amount of goods. The arrests were made by Special Agent Summers, of the Price depot, who was on duty at the time. The goods were recovered at Memphis. Russell has even in jail here a number of times on various charges.

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